

Comment Regarding NAB's petition 04-160:

The ability of satellite radio providers to offer local traffic and weather information should NOT be restricted. This service makes a strong contribution to the SAFETY of long distance travellers and truck drivers, and the people with whom they share our highways. While in some major metropolitan areas, isolated local broadcasters do provide fairly extensive coverage of this information, a driver from outside that area should not have to be fiddling with the radio dial in an attempt to locate such stations, particularly when faced with severe weather and/or traffic congestion. Satellite radio provides this useful information at a familiar, easy to find location. In the interests of public safety, satellite radio providers should be ENCOURAGED to provide this service, rather than restricted from doing so.